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In re Application of :
Kavuri et al. :
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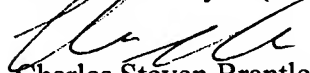
Dear Mr.Hammell:

Your client, Timothy J. Kuik, has been named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application, he will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor, he is entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make his position of record in the application. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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